

Introduced by Senator SimitianApril 6, 2006

Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 31—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by adding Article X C thereto, relating to resources.

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SCA 31, as introduced, Simitian. Clean Drinking Water, Water Supply Security, and Environmental Improvement Bond Act of 2006.

Existing provisions of the California Constitution prohibit the creation by the Legislature of debts in excess of \$300,000 except for a single object or work specified in a law creating the debt, which is approved by the people by a majority of the votes cast in a general or direct primary election.

This measure would establish requirements for the amendment or repeal of a bond measure designated as the “Clean Drinking Water, Water Supply Security, and Environmental Improvement Bond Act of 2006” to be submitted to the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election.

This measure would provide that it would become operative only if the specified bond measure is approved by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, and would provide, in that event, that it would become operative commencing on November 7, 2006.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the
- 2 Legislature of the State of California at its 2005–06 Regular

1 Session commencing on the sixth day of December 2004,
2 two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, hereby
3 proposes to the people of the State of California, that the
4 Constitution of the State be amended as follows:

5 First—That Article X C is added thereto, to read:

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7 ARTICLE X C

8 Clean Drinking Water, Water Supply Security, and
9 Environmental Improvement Bond Act of 2006

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11 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
12 Constitution, the Clean Drinking Water, Water Supply Security,
13 and Environmental Improvement Bond Act of 2006 (Division
14 26.6 (commencing with Section 79600) of the Water Code),
15 submitted to the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide
16 general election, may be amended or repealed, directly or
17 indirectly, only pursuant to any of the following:

18 (a) By a statute passed by a two-thirds vote of the membership
19 of each house of the Legislature that is signed by the Governor
20 and approved by three-fourths of the votes cast on the
21 proposition in a statewide direct primary or general election.

22 (b) By an initiative statute passed by three-fourths of the votes
23 cast on the proposition in a statewide direct primary or general
24 election.

25 (c) By a statute proposed at a constitutional convention that is
26 approved by three-fourths of the votes cast on the proposition in
27 a statewide direct primary or general election.

28 Second—That this measure shall become operative only if the
29 bond act described in Article X C of the California Constitution,
30 as added by this measure, is submitted to, and is approved by, the
31 voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election and,
32 in that event, this measure shall become operative commencing
33 on November 7, 2006.